Planning Commission has also approved an amount of Rs. 110.00 crores to the Govt. of Maharashtra for sports infrastructure for Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held in Pune, as a sub-event of the main Commonwealth games 2010.

Pending applications for fund allocation

†*511. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-Governmental voluntary organizations whose applications, including complete projects, from the State of Uttarakhand, especially from Pauri Garhwal for the year 2007-08 are pending in the Department of Youth Affairs for fund allocation; and

(b) if so, by when funds would be allotted to such organizations and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) In all 13 proposals were received from voluntary organizations from the State of Uttarakhand for the year 2006-07 under four youth welfare schemes namely Development and Empowerment of Adolescents, Promotion of National Integration, Promotion of Adventure and Promotion of Youth Activities and Training. Out of these, 8 proposals have been considered and five proposals, which were found in order, were approved. The remaining 5 proposals will be taken up for consideration during the year 2007-08. There is no delay. There is no proposal from Pauri Garhwal in the list of 13 proposals received in the Ministry.

Special cell for indian women married to NRIs

*512. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established a special cell to solve the grievances of the Indian women married to NRI husbands and being harassed;

(b) if so, how many cases have been registered so far in connection with the harassment by NRI husbands; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.